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Maritime Patrol Association Awarded Raytheon Sponsorship

JACKSONVILLE, FL – In response to the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) 2018 Corporate Sponsorship Program, Raytheon became a MPA Silver Level corporate sponsor by awarding the organization with a financial contribution toward its mission to build a strong foundation of support for the U.S. Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF).

The sponsorship by Raytheon will enable MPA to extend a number of opportunities to the members of the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, including: networking and education offered through a variety of meetings, events and media; awards, recognition and scholarships to those persons who have made significant contributions to this aviation community; and information regarding new developments and accomplishments in the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community.

Incorporated little more than seven years ago, MPA has grown from wishful thinking to thriving official Florida non-profit corporation. In its first 7 years, MPA: attracted more than 1,200 members, received over \$268,000 from corporate sponsors, raised over \$41,000 for the MPA Scholarship Fund, entertained over a thousand guests during the last six annual symposium weeks, and released 24 issues of the quarterly newsletter, *PLANESIDE*.

A Florida not-for-profit corporation established in 2011 and headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., the Maritime Patrol Association is dedicated to its mission to be the premier professional organization representing the U.S. Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community by promoting the use of the patrol and reconnaissance aircraft in the United States Navy. The organization is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Tax ID No. 45-1968605).

Raytheon Company, with 2017 sales of \$25 billion and 61,000 employees worldwide, is a technology and innovation leader specializing in defense, security and civil markets throughout the world. With a history of innovation spanning 93 years, Raytheon provides state-of-the-art electronics, mission systems integration and other capabilities in the areas of sensing; effects; and command, control, communications and intelligence systems, as well as cyber security and a broad range of mission support services. Raytheon is headquartered in Waltham, Mass.

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